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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Claims 24-28, 30-40 were rejected under Section 102
5 as being anticipated by Kessenich. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kessenich seems to describe two really different and separate steps. In the first step, the user creates a database builder process. The user provides a collection of documents and
10 a list of words to be excluded, see col. 8 of the Kessenich patent. A suitable parser is then selected based on the file type (but not on the symbols or keywords to be excluded).

In the second step, the user searches for information using the database builder process created in the first step.
15 The user provides search words together with other parameters such as sub-string in paths to search for the search words. The search system may use commands such as QFILES and QDATA (see columns 20-21) to specify what to search for. The search system runs the commands using the search words and the parameters.
20 Texts with hyperlinks are presented to the user as a result of the search.

It is important to distinguish between the two processes/steps of Kessenich to keep the terminology straight.

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The Examiner explains that the first keyword in Kessenich is shown, for example, in col. 6, lines 60-65. This is part of the second step above, that is when the user searches for words in documents once the database builder process (first step) 5 is set up. In other words, the first keyword is here the word (or words) that the user puts into the query boxes shown in Figs. 4-7. In col. 23, line 3, Kessenich explains that the query box 416 permits the user to enter a keyword that is to be searched.

At the bottom of page 3 of the Office action, the 10 Examiner asserts that Kessenich shows in col. 8, lines 20-25, 35-50, a first information-processing unit that has a database with a first command list that maybe used to select appropriate parser for the file being processed. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

It is submitted that the text referred to in col. 8 15 (and Fig. 8) relates to the database builder process and is part of the first process/step of Kessenich that should not be mixed up with the second process. The keywords in col. 8 refers to words that should be excluded, such as "the", "or", "and" etc. Unfortunately, Kessenich is using the term keywords to describe 20 to entirely different steps of his invention. The keywords used for building up the database are thus different from the search words (or keywords) that are put into the query boxes of Figs. 4-7. During the first step, a suitable parser is selected based on the "form or type of source document" (see col. 8, line 40-41).

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If the keywords of the first process, mentioned in col. 8, are equivalent to the first keyword of the amended claim 24, these keywords are not used to select the information-processing unit. The parser of Kessenich is selected based on the type or 5 form of the document and the keywords are not part of this selection process. Kessenich's keywords in the first step are merely used for excluding certain terms in the text (see col. 8, lines 10-25) but are not used for selecting which processing unit to use.

10 Additionally, Kessenich fails to teach or suggest detection means for distinguishing the first keyword from requested information in a first request of the converted message. The Examiner refers to the keywords of the second step by referring to col. 3, lines 15-22, col. 4, lines 40-43 and col. 15 6, lines 60-65. The keywords of the first step are described in col. 8 and Fig. 8 of the Kessenich patent.

In contrast, the amended claim 24 of the present invention requires that:

- 1) the same first keyword is distinguished from the request of
20 the converted message;
- 2) the first keyword is used for selecting which processing unit to be used; and
- 3) the first keyword is used for identifying the first command list.

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It is submitted that Kessenich and the other cited references fail to teach or suggest this combination of steps of using the same keyword.

Applicant fails to see why a person of ordinary skill in the art would look to Kessenich and the other cited references to learn about using the same first keyword to distinguish it from the request of the converted message, to select which processing unit to be used and to identify the first command list, when these steps are completely missing from the cited references.

In view of the above, the amended claim 24 is submitted to be allowable.

Claims 25-28 are submitted to be allowable because they depend, either directly or indirectly, on the amended allowable base claim 24 and because each claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

The amended claim 30 is submitted to be allowable for reasons that are similar to the reasons put forth above for the allowability of the amended claim 24.

Claims 31-40 are submitted to be allowable because they depend, either directly or indirectly, on the amended allowable base claim 24 and because each claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

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Claim 29 was rejected as being obvious over Kessenich in view of "Wireless LAN, What is a Wireless LAN." This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 29 is submitted to be allowable because it
5 depends on the amended allowable base claim 24 and the claim includes limitations that are not taught or suggested in the cited references.

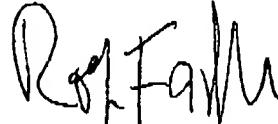
In view of the above, the application is submitted to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully
10 requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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